

MINUTES
UTAH
GENETIC COUNSELOR LICENSING BOARD
MEETING

March 22, 2012

Room 475 – 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 9:05 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:39 A.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:
Board Members Present:

Richard Oborn
Lee Avery

Danielle LaGrave, Chairperson
Jamie McDonald
Janice Rinsky-Eng
Georgia Katsohirakis

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Swear in new Board member Georgia Katsohirakis

Ms. Katsohirakis was sworn in as a new Board Member.

Swear in new Board member Janice Rinsky-Eng

Ms. Rinsky-Eng was sworn in as a new Board Member.

Introductions:

The Board introduced themselves.

MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes for the March 18, 2010 Board meeting. Ms. McDonald motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Katsohirakis. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Consultation with Board before denial of genetic counselor license applications

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that an application was received from an applicant with a degree that was not ABGC accredited. It was recommended that when the Division receives applications with questionable education, the application should be shared with Board members before the application is denied.

2. Consideration of need to extend maximum

The Board reviewed R156-75-302b (4) and the need to

term of temporary genetic counselor license as established in R156-75-302b(4)

extend the maximum term of a temporary genetic counselor license. The Board noted that there is a year in between exams. The current rule indicates that the applicant can apply for a second temporary license if they fail the exam; however, if they fail the second exam, then they cannot continue working in the field, until they pass the exam and apply for a full license. The Board discussed clarifying subsection 4 and have all temporary licenses expire on the same day each year. Ms. LaGrave motioned to change the language in R156-75-302b(4) to read as:
Beginning July 1 2012 a temporary license shall be issued to expire on November 30th of the year of the next available testing date. The applicant must take the next available exam. If the applicant fails the first exam, they may apply for a second temporary license. The motion was seconded by Ms. Katsohirakis. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Update regarding rule amendment approved at last Board meeting

The Board reviewed proposed changes to the rule to include unprofessional conduct language
Unprofessional conduct includes any violation of any provision of the code of ethics established by the National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC), January 2006 edition, which is incorporated by reference.

4. Licensing Statistics

Mr. Oborn shared the following statistics with the Board. The Board has issued the following licenses: Genetic Counselors – 60, Temporary Genetic Counselors – 9. In 2010 there were 39 Genetic Counselors and 9 Temporary Genetic Counselors.

5. Review of license application process

Discussed above. There will be changes to the application after the rule change become effective.

6. Annual Open and Public Meetings Act Training

Mr. Oborn reviewed the Open and Public Meetings Act with the Board.

Not on the agenda:

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that there is currently an open position on the Board. The Governor's office has not yet formally appointed a replacement. The Board discussed the nomination process.

Mr. Oborn reviewed the compliant and investigative process with the Board.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

None scheduled at this time.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn at 10:39 A.M.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

Date Approved

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Chairperson, Utah Genetic Counseling Licensing Board

Date Approved

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Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing

Awaiting Approval